



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Lexington 4 School District

Grades: PK-12

Enrollment: 3,505

Superintendent: Dr. Linda G. Lavender

Board Chair: Mrs. Shelia Parkman

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	
2010	Below Average	Good	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2008	At-Risk	Excellent	N/A	Not Met	NI

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	1	6	5	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/24/2011. Districts with Students Like Ours are Districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PASS

PASS	2010 Reading	2010 Math	2010 Science	2010 Social Studies	2010 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	62.1%	59.8%	64.2%	68.1%	57.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	66.7%	61.9%	59.4%	64.6%	62.7%
Average District	74.0%	70.6%	67.4%	71.0%	72.0%

PASS	2010 Reading	2010 Math	2010 Science	2010 Social Studies	2010 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	27.5%	21.2%	17.6%	23.4%	17.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	30.8%	23.1%	16.2%	21.3%	23.3%
Average District	39.7%	32.1%	21.9%	29.4%	33.4%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	70.3%	18.1%	11.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.9%	16.8%	14.3%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2010 (%)

District	85.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	86.4%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	61.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	53.8%

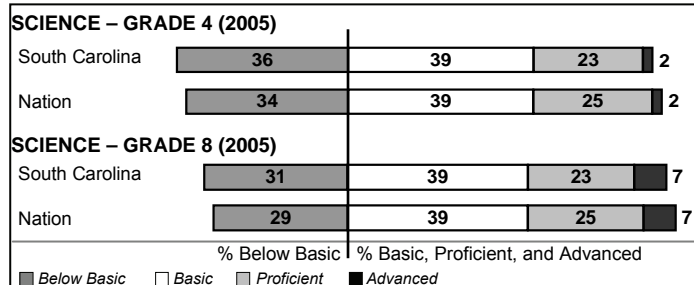
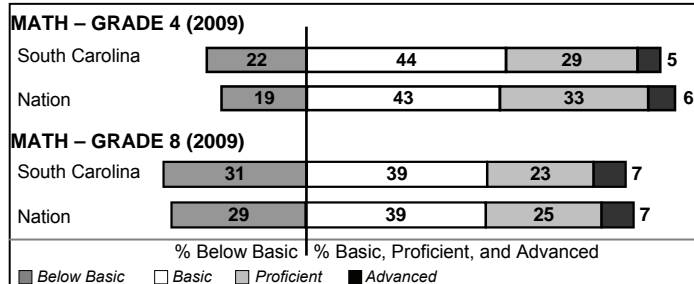
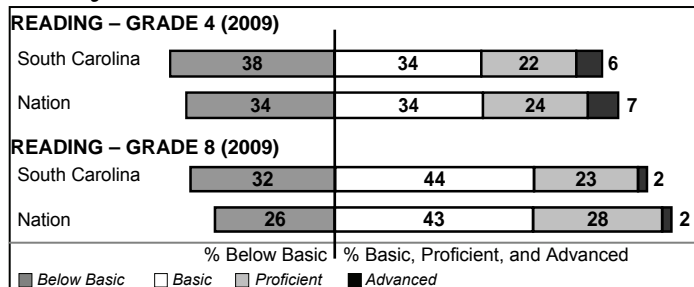
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	66.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	69.9%

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NAEP*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=3,505)				
Retention rate	0.2%	Down from 3.4%	2.8%	2.3%
Attendance rate	98.0%	Up from 93.6%	95.7%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	8.9%	Up from 7.0%	10.5%	14.3%
With disabilities other than speech	12.5%	Down from 12.8%	11.6%	10.5%
Older than usual for grade	3.2%	Down from 3.5%	5.2%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.8%	Up from 0.5%	0.7%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	25.5%	Down from 26.7%	9.7%	12.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	13.5%	Down from 21.1%	43.9%	50.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.1%	Up from 28.8%	28.8%	31.4%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	32	Up from 25	43	47
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	21	Down from 22	21	29
Annual dropout rate	4.4%	Down from 8.2%	3.8%	3.1%
Teachers (n=221)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	52.9%	Up from 52.5%	57.8%	58.8%
Continuing contract teachers	79.6%	Up from 70.9%	76.4%	81.5%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	7.6%	No Change	6.4%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.8%	Up from 81.0%	88.1%	89.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.0%	Up from 93.8%	95.5%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$42,632	Down 1.1%	\$44,310	\$46,618
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.5%	Down from 1.3%	0.4%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.0%	Down from 8.3%	2.6%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	16.6 days	Up from 16.3 days	13.9 days	12.6 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.7 to 1	Down from 20.9 to 1	20.6 to 1	20.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.4%	Up from 85.5%	89.4%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,864	Down 4.5%	\$9,375	\$9,364
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	47.9%	Up from 46.7%	51.2%	53.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	51.1%	Up from 49.9%	54.4%	56.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	6	No Change	6	9
Portable classrooms	6.9%	Down from 7.5%	1.5%	2.4%
Average age in years of school facilities	25 Years	Up from 24 Years	32 Years	27 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	6.0	No Change	5.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	95.2%	Up from 93.2%	95.2%	97.1%
Average administrator salary	\$86,172	No Change	\$80,198	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	N/A		N/A	N/A

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Lexington School District Four, Gaston-Swansea, serves approximately 3,500 students in preschool through adult education. Due to the high educational expectations of the Gaston-Swansea communities, students are served in six quality facilities that support innovative instructional programs. These instructional programs are supported by three overall goals for the district: improving student achievement, building teacher/administrator capacity, and improving school climate.

To achieve these goals, the primary focus of the Board of Trustees and administration is to promote employee quality. We believe that it is the teacher in the classroom that makes the difference in student performance and the principal in each school who provides the instructional leadership to meet our goals. Therefore, we are committed to building and sustaining professional learning teams throughout the schools and district. We are committed to hiring, developing, and retaining the very best teachers and administration to serve students in Lexington School District Four. Shaping a culture of learning that supports teachers and students drives our commitment to promote employee quality and improve student performance.

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